



FINLAND, SWEDEN & NATO – DID TRUMP CHANGE EVERYTHING?

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ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

FEBRUARY 14TH 2018 | 10:00-12:00

G18 SEMINAR HALL, GEORGSATAN18 OR YRJÖNKATU 18, 00100, HELSINKI

Welcome by

Stefan Wallin | Member of the Finnish Parliament and Former Defence Minister

Keynote speeches:

Anna Kronlund | Post-Doctoral Researcher, John Morton Center for North American Studies at the University of Turku

Magnus Christiansson | Postgraduate Researcher, Swedish Defence University and University of Stockholm

Andras Simonyi | Managing Director, Center for Transatlantic Relations, Washington D.C.

Moderated by **Jaan Siitonen** | Political Advisor, SBF

Lunch will be served after the seminar. Coffee will be served at 9:30.



ABOUT THE SPEAKERS



Anna Kronlund works as a Post-Doctoral Researcher at the John Morton Center for North American Studies at the University of Turku. In her doctoral dissertation, “Parliamentary Oversight of the Exceptional Situations in a Presidential System Debating the Reassertion of the Constitutional Powers of the U.S. Congress” (2013), she examined debates on congressional powers in respect to presidential powers in exceptional situations. Her current research project is about the environmental policy of the Trump administration and its implications. Her research interests include U.S. Congress and foreign policy, U.S. political decision-making, culture-, war- and emergency power debates and the U.S.-Finland relationship. Her recent publications include a FIIA working paper (99, 2017) entitled “Republican government in the United States: Its Implications for U.S. foreign policy.”



Magnus Christiansson was an associate lecturer at the Swedish Defence University in Stockholm 2000–2014. His research interests are transatlantic security, Baltic Sea security and civil–military relations. Previous contributions include “Defence planning beyond rationalism: the third offset strategy as a case of metagovernance” *Defence Studies* (2017); “Pooling, Sharing and Specializing – NATO and International Defense Cooperation” in Hallams, Ratti and Zyla (eds.), *NATO beyond 9/11. The Transformation of the Atlantic Alliance* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2013). He is currently writing his doctoral dissertation.



András Simonyi is Managing Director of the Center for Transatlantic Relations at the School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University in Washington D.C. Ambassador Simonyi joined CTR following a successful career in multilateral and bilateral diplomacy, international non-governmental and governmental organizations, and in the private sector. He has held some of the highest positions in the Hungarian diplomatic service including Hungarian Ambassador to NATO and to the United States, and he served as the country’s first permanent representative to the Alliance. His focus is on transatlantic security and business, democratic transition and human rights. Ambassador Simonyi is also an expert in Nordic affairs and editor of the book *Nordic Ways*.



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By connecting the roundtable series with the name of Lord Dahrendorf, ELF wishes to underline his achievements. In his many functions he championed liberal democracy and European integration. He consistently promoted the role of the EU as a guarantor of human rights and liberty. His wide experience combining science and politics provided an excellent background to his activity in the German Parliament for the liberal Free Democratic Party, as European Commissioner, as member of the British House of Lords and as Chairman of the Board of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation (1982-1987).

During his four years in Brussels (1970 – 1974), Lord Dahrendorf was responsible for the European Community's Foreign Relations and Trade, and later for Research, Science and Education. He actively supported a stronger Europe. As Commissioner he was a sharp critic of European Union bureaucracy while he was passionately in favour of a European Parliament exercising greater power.